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An adaptation of a live workshop, this guide offers pertinent information and practical techniques for users to become proficient searchers and conscious evaluators of World Wide Web resources. The book does not provide comprehensive coverage of the Internet, rather it gives the exact amount and level of information needed to perform a successful search on the World Wide Web. The book is divided into 8 chapters: (1) The Web: A Unique Information Resource; (2) Web Components and Construction; (3) The Building Blocks of Search Tools; (4) Types of Search Tools; (5) How the Search Tools Work; (6) How To Assess the Quality of Your Results; (7) Searching Smarter; and (8) Personalizing the Web: Bookmarks and Favorites. An accompanying computer disk can be used on PC or Macintosh machines. Appendices include: a guide to the Netscape 3.0 browser screen features and an explanation of each screen part; tables listing the searching features of subject directories and of search engines; and a table showing how to find mailing lists, newsgroups, FAQs, and files. An index is provided. (SWC)

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